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SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 3

ISRAELI ATTACHE MURDERED IN WASHINGTON

COL.YOSEF ALON, ISRAELI ASSISTANT ARMED FORCES ATTACHE  
IN WASHINGTON, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS  
OUTSIDE HIS RESIDENCE IN BETHESDA AT 0100, JULY 1. THE  
SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE SENT CONDOLENCE MESSAGES  
TO FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN AND PRIME MINISTER MEIR. THE ALON  
FAMILY IS ACCOMPANYING THE COLONEL'S BODY TO TEL AVIV  
ABOARD A USAF C-135 AIRCRAFT PROVIDED BY PRESIDENT  
NIXON.

THE FBI IS INVESTIGATING THE CASE AND HAS THREE WORKING  
HYPOTHESES: THE MURDER WAS THE RESULT OF (1) TERRORISM,  
(2) A PERSONAL VENDETTA, (3) A ROBBERY ATTEMPT. NO FACTS  
HAVE AS YET BEEN UNCOVERED TO DEFINITELY PROVE ANY ONE  
HYPOTHESIS. THE CAIRO VOICE OF PALESTINE HAS ALREADY  
COMMENTED ON THE CASE, NOTING ALON'S DEATH FOLLOWED BY  
THREE DAYS THE ASSASSINATION OF MUHAMMAD ABU DIYYAH IN  
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PARIS. THE BROADCAST CONCLUDED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT

"THIS IS THE FIRST EXECUTION OPERATION CARRIED OUT AGAINST A ZIONIST OFFICIAL IN THE UNITED STATES" BUT NO ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAS PUBLICLY ASSUMED DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MURDER. THE FBI BELIEVES THE

MURDER WEAPON, A .38 CALIBER HANDGUN, IS NOT THE TYPE USUALLY USED BY SUCH TERRORISTS AS THE BLACK SEPTEMBERISTS.

AS A RESULT OF ALON'S DEATH, PRESIDENT NIXON INSTRUCTED THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE TO INCREASE PORTECTION OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON. (SECRET)  
OPS CENTER-FBI TELECONS, 7/1; FBIS 52, 7/1.

#### US ARMS POLICY IN THE PERSIAN GULF

EMBASSY KUWAIT REPORTS THAT RECENT US ARMS SALES TO IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT HAVE FUELED THE INTEREST OF THE SMALL SHEIKHDOMS OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. TWO POTENTIAL BUYERS OF US EQUIPMENT ARE THE UNION DEFENSE FORCES (UDF) AND THE ABU DHABI DEFENSE FORCE (ADDF). ON A RECENT VISIT TO THE AREA, AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS LEARNED OF THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF FRENCH MIRAGES IN ABU DHABI AND OF CONTINUED BRITISH AND FRENCH MILITARY SALES EFFORTS. HE RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONSIDER SENDING A MILITARY TEAM TO STUDY UDF AND ADDF REQUIREMENTS. (SECRET) KUWAIT 2295, 7/1. RUSH

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